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CALTRANS IS SEEKING GENERAL OR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS FOR REST AREA RECONSTRUCTION

San Bernardino - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is seeking contractors in the general or commercial/residential building industry. Plans have been developed to upgrade the Valley Wells Rest Areas located on Interstate 15 between Barstow and Las Vegas. The bidding process will be open until September 22, 2005. The project number is listed as 08-0A6404. (Rest Area Restoration Northbound and Southbound, 08-SBd-15-258.9/259.9). Contractors are invited to go to the Caltrans website for bid instructions at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/weekly_ads/attach_b.html

This is a unique opportunity for building contractors to compete to perform a public works construction project for the Department of Transportation. This project, to improve the Valley Wells rest areas on both northbound and southbound Interstate 15, is estimated at nearly \$ 6 million. It is the first of its kind in California. Improvements will include new building structures, adding an on-site office for California Highway Patrol personnel; restroom upgrades; walkways; and sewer, electrical, lighting and landscaping upgrades. Additional components to be added in subsequent contracts will include colorful and informative exhibit areas. The exhibits will inform travelers of the unique features of the desert and opportunities to explore the resources of the region. A Caltrans display will feature the "Mojave Desert Transportation, Past and Present." Once each stage is complete, the project will become a model for a new approach to rest area enhancement for future Caltrans projects. Over the next 5 years, 35 rest area facilities will be upgraded throughout California.

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